

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yanniello et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,897). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 are allowable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1, 6, and 11 include features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited reference, namely, as represented by claim 1:

determining a present condition of at least one feature;
determining a behavior function for the recloser based on the present condition;
and
controlling the recloser as a sectionalizer when the behavior function is a sectionalizer function, and otherwise controlling the recloser as a recloser. (emphasis added)

The present invention as recited in claim 1 is directed to controlling a recloser as a sectionalizer or a recloser based on the present condition of a particular feature or features. A behavior function is determined responsive to the present condition and then the recloser is controlled as a sectionalizer if the behavior function is a sectionalizer function; otherwise, the recloser maintains a recloser function.

Yanniello et al., on the other hand, is silent about controlling a recloser as a sectionalizer. Yanniello et al. describes a network protector having a diagnostic apparatus for detecting abnormal operating conditions in the network protector, and then merely generating an abnormal operating condition indication. The indication can then be transmitted to a remote station by a communication system. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Yanniello et al. regarding “controlling the recloser as a sectionalizer when the behavior function is a sectionalizer function, and otherwise controlling the recloser as a recloser” as required by the claims. Moreover, applicants note that the Official Action is silent with respect to any sectionalizer disclosure or suggestion in Yanniello et al.

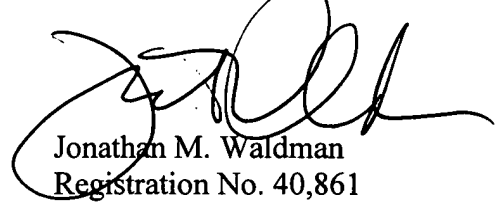
Claims 6 and 11 recite similar features as those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Based on the foregoing, claims 1, 6, and 11 and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 2-5, 7-10, and 12-15, respectively, should not be rejected as being anticipated by Yanniello et al. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-15

under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for controlling a recloser for an electrical power line, comprising:

determining a present condition of at least one feature;

determining a behavior function for the recloser based on the present condition[, the behavior function being one of a recloser function and a sectionalizer function]; and

[implementing the behavior function for the recloser, thereby controlling the recloser responsive to the behavior function]

controlling the recloser as a sectionalizer when the behavior function is a sectionalizer function, and otherwise controlling the recloser as a recloser.

11. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

determining a present condition of at least one feature;

determining a behavior function for the recloser based on the present condition[, the behavior function being one of a recloser function and a sectionalizer function]; and

[implementing the behavior function for the recloser, thereby controlling the recloser responsive to the behavior function]

controlling the recloser as a sectionalizer when the behavior function is a sectionalizer function, and otherwise controlling the recloser as a recloser.